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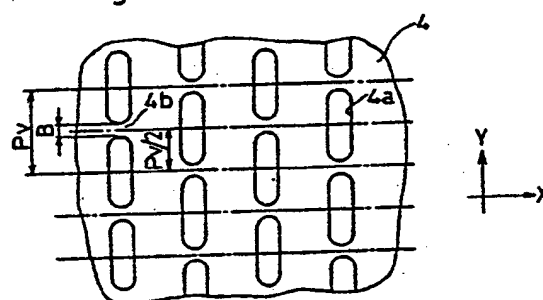
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Shadow mask type color cathode ray tube.

A color cathode ray tube has an evacuated envelope (1) having a phosphor deposited screen (1a) and an electron gun assembly (2) positioned in opposition to the phosphor deposited screen (1a) and operable to emit electron beams towards the phosphor deposited screen (1a), and an apertured shadow mask (4) inside the envelope in the vicinity of and generally parallel to the phosphor deposited screen (1a) and spaced a predetermined distance from the phosphor deposited screen (1a). The pitch (Pv) between each neighboring aperture (4a) in the shadow mask as measured in a vertical direction perpendicular to a horizontal scanning line is chosen to be a value variable as a function of the distance away from the center of the phosphor deposited screen (1a). In this way, the appearance of Moire patterns in the reproduced pictures can be minimised.

Fig. 2



Shadow Mask Type Color Cathode Ray Tube

The present invention generally relates to a color picture tube for displaying colored pictures and, more particularly, to a color cathode ray tube of a type having a shadow mask.

Fig. 1 of the accompanying drawings illustrates, in schematic longitudinal sectional representation, the exemplary prior art cathode ray tube of a type having a shadow mask. The color cathode ray tube shown therein comprises a highly evacuated envelope 1 including a funnel section closed at one end by a faceplate 11 and at the opposite end continued to a generally cylindrical neck section. The neck section has an electron gun assembly 2 accommodated therein for emitting three electron beams S. The faceplate 11 has an inner surface deposited with a predetermined pattern of primary color elemental phosphor deposits, for example, triads of red, blue and green phosphor dots, thereby to form a phosphor deposited screen 1a. An apertured shadow mask 4 is supported within the envelope 1 in a well known manner generally in parallel relationship with the phosphor deposited screen 1a and spaced a predetermined distance inwardly from the phosphor deposited screen 1a. The envelope 1 has a deflection yoke assembly 3 mounted thereon at the boundary between the neck section and the funnel section for developing a horizontal deflection magnetic field and a vertical deflection magnetic field in a well known manner.

In this construction, the three electron beams S emanating from the electron gun assembly 2 travel towards the phosphor deposited screen 1a. During the travel of the electron beams S towards the phosphor deposited screen 1a, the electron beams are deflected under the influence of the horizontal deflection magnetic field so as to scan the phosphor deposited screen 1a generally horizontally, that is, along the horizontal scanning lines, and also under the influence of the vertical deflection magnetic field so as to retrace the phosphor deposited screen 1a generally vertically. The vertical movement of the electron beams S takes place after the electron beams S have scanned the phosphor deposited screen 1a horizontally from top to bottom.

The electron beams S having passed through the deflection magnetic field pass through the apertures in the shadow mask 4 and then impinge upon the phosphor deposited screen 1a, allowing the triads of the primary elemental color phosphor dots, which are struck by the electron beams S, to emit light. Actual image reproduction is accomplished by scanning the electron beams S across the phosphor deposited screen 1a while the elec-

tron beams S passing through the apertures in the shadow mask 4 successively impinge upon the triads of the primary color elemental phosphor dots.

Fig. 2 illustrates a portion of the shadow mask 4 used in the prior art cathode ray tube on an enlarged scale for the purpose of showing the details thereof. Let it be assumed that the widthwise direction of the phosphor deposited screen 1a parallel to the horizontal scanning lines is represented by an X-axis and the heightwise direction of the same screen 1a perpendicular to the widthwise direction thereof is represented by an Y-axis, with the point of origin of the X-Y coordinate system being occupied by the center of the phosphor deposited screen 1a that is aligned with the longitudinal axis (or Z-axis) of the envelope of the cathode ray tube. As shown, the shadow mask 4 has a plurality of vertically extending parallel rows of slots 4a of equal length, each of said rows extending parallel to the Y-axis direction and each of said slot 4a having a longitudinal axis lying parallel also to the Y-axis. When the pitch between each neighboring slots 4a in each row is expressed by P_v , the slots 4a in one of the rows and the slots 4a in the next adjacent row are offset vertically with respect to each other by a distance equal to half the slot pitch P_v . In other words, the slots 4a in the respective rows are alternately staggered relative to each other.

Since each bridge portion 4b of the shadow mask 4 delimited by the neighboring slots 4a in each row blocks the passage of the electron beams S then traveling towards the phosphor deposited screen 1a, it is observed that, during the operation of the color cathode ray tube, rows of shadows, spaced a distance equal to half the slot pitch P_v , of the bridge portion 4b are cast horizontally upon the phosphor deposited screen 1a, thereby forming a pattern of bright and dark fringes occasioned by the bridge portions 4b.

On the other hand, it is well known that the number of the horizontal scanning lines is fixed at 525 lines according to the NTSC television system, and 625 lines according to the PAL television system. It is also well known that the electron beams S have their own size which is smaller than the distance between the neighboring horizontal scanning lines. Accordingly, a shadow is observed between the neighboring scanning lines which forms a pattern of bright and dark fringes occasioned by the electron beams S.

Therefore, when the shadows occasioned by the bridge portions 4b of the shadow mask 4 and the shadow occasioned by the electron beams S

interfere with each other, the result is the appearance of Moire patterns in the reproduced pictures.

In order to minimise the appearance of the Moire patterns in the pictures being reproduced on the screen of the color cathode ray tube, the slot pitch P_v is carefully selected. The selection of the slot pitch P_v for the purpose of minimizing the appearance of the Moire patterns is generally carried out by the following manner. Assuming that, as shown in Fig. 3 of the accompanying drawings which illustrates a partial cross-section of the faceplate 11 of the color cathode ray tube together with the shadow mask 4 in relation to the center of deflection indicated by 10, the distance equal to half the slot pitch P_v , which is hereinafter referred to as "half slot pitch", is expressed by P_a , that is, $P_v/2 = P_a$; the distance between the neighboring horizontal scanning line as measured on the shadow mask 4 in the vertical direction is expressed by P_s ; and the recurrent interval of the Moire patterns (hereinafter referred to as "Moire pitch") is expressed by P_m , the following relationship can be established.

$$P_m(m, n) = |(2P_s \cdot P_a)/(2mP_s - nP_a)| \quad (1)$$

wherein m and n represent an integer. The result of experiment has shown that, in the case (a) where m and n are 1 and 3, respectively, or the case (b) where m and n are 1 and 4, respectively, or the case (c) where m and n are 1 and 5, respectively, the Moire patterns tend to become prominent. The relationship between the normalized Moire pitch (which is represented by the recurrent interval P_m of the Moire patterns divided by the effective diameter as measured in the vertical direction) and the normalized half slot pitch (which is represented by the half slot pitch P_a divided by the effective diameter as measured in the vertical direction), which is found in the NTSC television system, is shown in Fig. 4. It is to be noted that the term "effective diameter as measured in the vertical direction" referred to above and hereinafter is intended to mean the length of that portion of the shadow mask where the slots are formed as taken in the Y-axis. In the case of the 27-inch, 110° deflection color cathode ray tube, the Moire pattern can be minimized when the normalized distance is 1.28×10^{-3} , in which case the slot pitch P_v gives 0.91 mm. The use of the increased number for the half slot pitch P_a in the equation (1) above is effective to increase the recurrent interval P_m and consequently to minimize the Moire patterns. However, since as is well known to those skilled in the art the shadow mask is so deformed as to assume a generally spherical shape, the slot pitch P_v is more or less smaller than 1.5 mm. When the slot pitch P_v is smaller than 1.5 mm as shown in Fig. 3, that is, when the normalized half slot pitch is smaller than 2.1×10^{-3} , complete removal of the appear-

ance of the Moire patterns in the reproduced pictures is not possible. Although the appearance of the Moire patterns in the reproduced pictures can be reduced if the width B of each bridge portion 4b as indicated in Fig. 3 is reduced because the reduction in bridge width B corresponds to the use of the increased slot pitch P_v , the problem associated with manufacturing of the shadow mask necessitates the employment of the bridge width B within a predetermined range regardless of the particular value for the slot pitch P_v , particularly $0.1 \text{ mm} \leq B \leq 0.15 \text{ mm}$. The size of the shadow cast upon the phosphor deposited screen 1a under the influence of the bridge width B tends to increase in proportion to the increase of the deflection angle and in inverse proportion to the curvature of the shadow mask 4 (or in proportion to the radius of curvature thereof).

Also, the width of each horizontal scanning line as will be described later tends to be lessened with improvement of the focusing of the electronic lens used in the color cathode ray tube. Particularly in the case of the color cathode ray tube wherein the sophisticated electron gun assembly is employed which is effective to permit the image to be accurately focused substantially all over the phosphor deposited screen by applying a modulated voltage synchronized with the deflection current to the focusing electrodes used in the electron gun assembly, bright and dark stripes of the scanning lines tend to be prominent all over the phosphor deposited screen and the pattern of distribution of the Moire pitches attributable to the interference thereof with the bright and dark fringes resulting from the bridge portions 4b varies from place to place on the phosphor deposited screen. Therefore, with such color cathode ray tube using the sophisticated electron gun assembly, the use of the constant slot pitch P_v tends to result in the considerable appearance of the Moire pattern.

The inventor of the present invention is aware that anyone of the United States Patents No.3,973,159, No.4,210,842 and No.4,326,147, issued August 3, 1976, July 1, 1980, and April 20, 1982, respectively, discloses a technique for suppressing the appearance of the Moire patterns in the reproduced pictures by varying the half slot pitch in the Y-axis direction in a predetermined relation. However, it has been found that none of the prior art techniques is satisfactory.

Summarizing the above, since in the prior art color cathode ray tube of the type using the apertured shadow mask the slot pitch are uniform all over the entire surface of the shadow mask, minimization of the appearance of the Moire patterns anywhere on the phosphor deposited screen has been difficult to achieve.

Therefore, the present invention has been de-

veloped to substantially eliminate the problems inherent in the prior art color cathode ray tube with a view to providing an improved color cathode ray tube using the apertured shadow mask, which is effective to minimize the appearance of the Moire patterns satisfactorily.

In order to accomplish the above described object, the present invention provides a color cathode ray tube of a type utilizing the apertured shadow mask wherein the pitch P_v between the neighboring apertures as taken in the vertical direction perpendicular to the horizontal scanning line is chosen to be of a value variable as a function of the distance away from the center line of the shadow mask in the X-axis direction or in the Y-axis direction.

According to the present invention, the apertures in the shadow mask are so arranged and so positioned that the pitch between the neighboring apertures in the shadow mask in the direction perpendicular to the horizontal scanning lines may vary with a value determined as a function of the distance away from the center line of the shadow mask corresponding to the X-axis or Y-axis of the phosphor deposited screen lying perpendicular to or parallel to the scanning lines, respectively. Therefore, the appearance of the Moire patterns in the reproduced pictures resulting from the interference between the bright and dark shadows corresponding to portions of the shadow mask each delimited between the neighboring apertures and the bright and dark stripes inherent in the horizontal scanning lines can be advantageously minimized or substantially eliminated.

In any event, the present invention will become more clearly understood from the following description of a preferred embodiment thereof, when taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings. However, the embodiment and the drawings are given only for the purpose of illustration and explanation, and are not to be taken as limiting the scope of the present invention in any way whatsoever, which scope is to be determined solely by the appended claims. In the drawings, like reference numerals denote like parts in the several views, and:

Fig. 1 is a schematic longitudinal sectional view of a color cathode ray tube of the type utilizing an apertured shadow mask;

Fig. 2 is a plan view, on an enlarged scale, of a portion of the apertured shadow mask showing the arrangement of slots in the shadow mask;

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary side sectional view of a portion of the color cathode ray tube, showing the dimensional relationship between the apertured shadow mask and the phosphor deposited screen; and

Fig. 4 is a graph showing the relationship between the normalized Moire pitch and the normalized half slot pitch.

It is to be noted that the X-Y-Z coordinate system including the X-, Y- and Z-axes, which has been described as applied to the phosphor deposited screen in the foregoing description is, in the following description, equally applied to the apertured shadow mask since the aperture shadow mask is in practice oriented in the same way as the phosphor deposited screen.

In the color cathode ray tube employing the shadow mask whose apertures are in the form of slots such as discussed with reference to Fig. 2, if the slot pitch P_v is chosen to be a value effective to minimize the appearance of the Moire pattern, that is, a value enough to permit the half slot pitch P_a divided by the effective diameter to be equal to 1.28×10^{-3} and if the bridge width B (See Fig. 2) is fixed at 0.13 mm, the slot pitch P_v will be 0.91 mm in the case of the 27-inch, 110° deflection color cathode ray tube, which slot pitch when projected on the phosphor deposited screen 1a will become 0.974 mm. On the other hand, the size of the shadow formed by each bridge portion 4b of the shadow mask 4 delimited between the neighboring slots 4a will be 0.12 mm as measured on the horizontal center line of the phosphor deposited screen 1a (that is, on the X-axis of the phosphor deposited screen) extending parallel to the horizontal scanning line and will be 0.21 mm at one edge portion of the phosphor deposited screen 1a distant from the horizontal center line, that is, the X-axis. Specifically, the slot pitch P_v increases progressively with increase of the distance away from the horizontal centre line and is in proportion to the square of such distance.

Accordingly, the shade of the bridge portion projected on the phosphor deposited screen 1a in the vertical direction increases in size with increase of the distance away from the horizontal center line and may increase 9.3% at one edge portion of the phosphor deposited screen 1a as compared with that at a portion of the phosphor deposited screen 1a that is aligned with the horizontal center line. Since the Moire patterns result from the interference between the bright and dark fringes attributable to the bridge portions 4b and the bright and dark stripes attributable to the horizontal scanning lines, the difference in size of the shades of the bridge portions 4b projected on the phosphor deposited screen 1a necessarily leads to the difference in Moire pattern all over the entire surface of the phosphor deposited screen 1a.

In view of the foregoing, it is recommended to satisfy the following relationship.

$$[(P_s - E_s)/P_s] \cdot [(P_v - B_s)/P_v] = \text{constant} \quad (2)$$

wherein, as shown in Fig. 3, P_{vs} represents the bridge pitch as measured between respective shadows of the neighboring bridge portions 4b projected on the phosphor deposited screen 1a from the center of deflection 10, B_s represents the size of the shadow of each bridge portion 4b projected on the phosphor deposited screen 1a, P_s represents the interval between the neighboring horizontal scanning lines on the phosphor deposited screen 1a as measured in the vertical direction, and E_s represents the size of the shadow formed on the phosphor deposited screen 1a between the neighboring horizontal scanning lines, that is, the interval between the neighboring beam spots 40 then sweeping the phosphor deposited screen 1a horizontally.

Since the difference between the interval P_s and the size E_s of the shadow formed on the phosphor deposited screen 1a between the neighboring horizontal scanning lines, both used in the equation (2) above, correspond to the effective surface area of the phosphor deposited screen 1a which is rendered luminescent by the effect of the scanning lines, such difference is referred to as the width of the scanning line in the description of the present invention. Also, the difference between the bridge pitch P_{vs} and the size B_s of the shadow of each bridge portion 4b, both also used in the equation (2) above, corresponds to the effective surface area of each slot 4a, and the quotient of the difference between the bridge pitch P_{vs} and the size B_s divided by the bridge pitch P_{vs} in the equation (2) above represents the transmittance of the scanning line.

In order to achieve the condition represented by the equation (2) above, either the bridge width B of each bridge portion 4b as measured in the vertical direction or the slot pitch P_v has to be adjusted. If the slot pitch P_v is fixed, increase of the bridge width B results in increase of the proportion of the phosphor deposited screen which is occupied by the shade of the bridge portions 4b, accompanied by decrease in proportion of the electron beams impinging upon the phosphor deposited screen 1a. The consequence is that the screen brightness tends to be lowered. Therefore, it is recommended to adjust the slot pitch P_v while the bridge width B is fixed.

To choose the slot pitch P_v in accordance with the present invention for the purpose of minimizing the appearance of the Moire patterns in the reproduced pictures, two methods can be contemplated as discussed under separate headings below.

(A) Where the quotient of the difference ($P_s - E_s$) divided in the interval P_s in the equation (2) above is constant all over the phosphor deposited screen, the quotient of the difference ($P_{vs} - B_s$) divided by the bridge pitch P_{vs} must be constant

in order to satisfy the relationship expressed by the equation (2). This can be accomplished by increasing the interval between the neighboring bridge portions 4b taken in the vertical direction and, hence, the slot pitch P_v , in proportion to the increase of the size B_s of the shadow of the bridge portion 4b in the vertical direction. By so doing, the appearance of the Moire patterns in the pictures being reproduced on the phosphor deposited screen 1a of the color cathode ray tube can be effectively minimized without the screen brightness being lowered.

(B) Where the quotient of the difference ($P_s - E_s$) divided in the interval P_s in the equation (2) above varies from the center of the phosphor deposited screen 1a towards one edge of the phosphor deposited screen 1a (or the periphery of the phosphor deposited screen 1a), and in order to satisfy the relationship expressed by the equation (2), the quotient, $(P_{vs} - B_s)/P_{vs}$, has to be of a value inversely proportional to the quotient, $(P_s - E_s)/P_s$. In other words, the slot pitch P_v in the term of $(P_s - E_s)/P_s$ of the equation (2) above has to be varied enough to satisfy the inversely proportional relationship with the term of $(P_{vs} - B_s)/P_{vs}$ in the equation (2) above. By so doing, the appearance of the Moire patterns in the pictures being reproduced on the phosphor deposited screen 1a can be effectively minimized without the screen brightness being lowered.

As it well known to those skilled in the art, since the horizontal scanning lines are deflected in both of horizontal and vertical directions, during the operation of the color cathode ray tube, both of the size E_s of the shadow between the neighboring horizontal scanning lines and the size B_s of the shadow of each bridge portion 4b vary in both of the horizontal and vertical directions as a result of change in the focusing characteristic in respective horizontal and vertical directions. Therefore, the slot pitch P_v is preferred to be varied in both of the horizontal and vertical directions. However, as far as the method (A) described above is concerned, the increase of the slot pitch P_v in proportion to the size B_s of the shadow of the bridge portion 4b only in the vertical direction is satisfactory and effective to minimize the appearance of the Moire patterns since the size B_s of the shadow of the bridge portion does not vary in the horizontal direction so much as that in the vertical direction.

Determining the optimum slot pitch P_s satisfying the equation (2) from the measurements exhibited by a 27-inch, 110° deflection color cathode ray tube designed to minimize the appearance of the Moire patterns, it has been found that the slot pitch at a portion of the shadow mask 4 generally in alignment with the horizontal center line thereof,

which slot pitch is designated P_{vo} , was 0.91 mm and the slot pitch at one edge portion of the shadow mask 4 corresponding to the upper or lower side of the shadow mask 4, which slot pitch is designated P_{ve} , was 1.01 mm. Accordingly, in the practice of the present invention, the slot pitch P_v is chosen to be a varying value which satisfies the following equation, because the effective diameter divided by 2 is equal to 177.8 mm.

$$P_v = 0.91 + 3.16 \times 10^{-6} \times Y_M^2 \quad (3)$$

wherein Y_M represents the distance away from the horizontal center line of the shadow mask 4 in a direction parallel to the Y-axis, that is, the vertical direction perpendicular to the horizontal scanning direction. Thus, it will readily be understood that the slot pitch P_v so chosen according to the present invention varies with the increase in distance away from the horizontal center line of the apertured shadow mask 4.

It is to be noted that, although the ratio of the slot pitch at that portion of the shadow mask 4 in alignment with the horizontal center line thereof relative of the slot pitch at that edge portion of the same shadow mask, that is, P_{ve}/P_{vo} , exhibited by the above discussed color cathode ray tube was 1.10 ($=1.01/0.91$), a result of experiments has shown that the ratio within the range of 1.05 to 1.20 has been effective to minimize the appearance of the Moire patterns.

Although the present invention has fully been described in connection with the preferred embodiment thereof with reference to the accompanying drawings used only for the purpose of illustration, those skilled in the art will readily conceive numerous changes and modifications within the framework of obviousness upon the reading of the specification herein presented of the present invention. By way of example, although in the illustrated embodiment reference has been made to the color cathode ray tube of the type employing the apertured shadow mask whose apertures are in the form of slots, that is, the apertures having a sense of length, the present invention can be equally applicable to the color cathode ray tube using the apertured shadow mask whose apertures are in the form of minute circular holes.

In any event, the present invention is to be understood as applicable where the pitch between each neighboring apertures in the shadow mask used in any color cathode ray tube is so chosen to vary that the product of the transmittance of the scanning line in a direction perpendicular to the horizontal scanning line, which transmittance is determined by the effective surface area of the phosphor deposited screen rendered luminescent by the effect of the scanning lines through the apertures in the shadow mask, multiplied by the ratio of the width of each horizontal scanning line rela-

tive to the interval between each neighboring horizontal scanning lines assumes a generally constant value all over the phosphor deposited screen.

Accordingly, such changes and modifications are, unless they depart from the spirit and scope of the present invention, to be construed as included therein.

Claims

1. A color cathode ray tube which comprises: an evacuated envelope having a phosphor deposited screen and an electron gun assembly positioned in opposition to the phosphor deposited screen and operable to emit electron beams towards the phosphor deposited screen; and an apertured shadow mask disposed inside the envelope in the vicinity of and generally parallel to the phosphor deposited screen and spaced a predetermined distance from the phosphor deposited screen, said shadow mask having a pattern of minute apertures defined therein, the pitch between each neighboring apertures in the shadow mask as measured in a vertical direction perpendicular to a horizontal scanning line being chosen to be a value which is variable as a function of the distance away from an X-axis parallel to the horizontal scanning line and including the center of the shadow mask or the distance away from a Y-axis perpendicular to the X-axis and including the center of the shadow mask.

2. The cathode ray tube as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said pitch varies in proportion to the size of a shadow of a bridge portion of the shadow mask delimited between each neighboring apertures which is projected on the phosphor deposited screen.

3. The cathode ray tube as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the pitch between each neighboring apertures as measured in the vertical direction at an outer edge portion of the shadow mask in the vertical direction is chosen to be a value within the range of 1.05 to 1.20 times the pitch between each neighboring apertures as measured in the vertical direction on the X-axis and equal to the square of the distance away from the X-axis.

4. The cathode ray tube as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the pitch between each neighboring apertures as measured in the vertical direction varies in inverse proportion to the ratio of the width of the horizontal scanning line relative to the interval between each neighboring horizontal scanning lines.

5. The cathode ray tube as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the width of the bridge portion of the shadow mask delimited between each neighboring

apertures as measured in the vertical direction is
constant in the vertical direction.

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Fig. 1

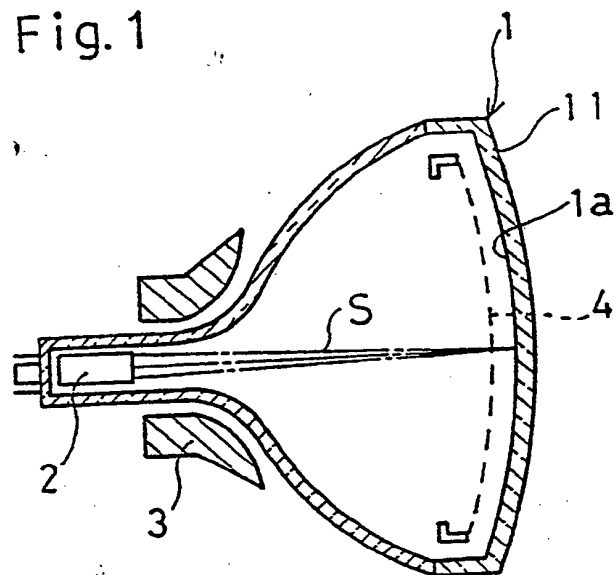


Fig. 2

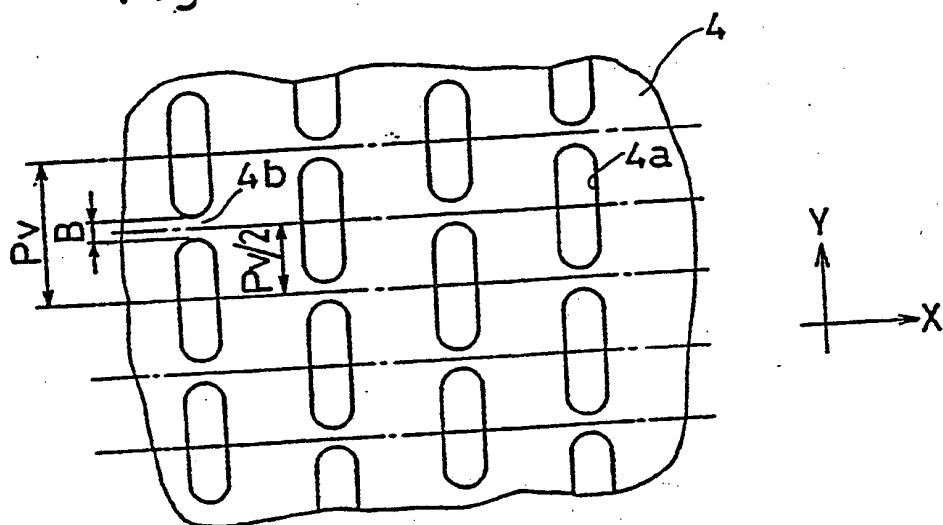


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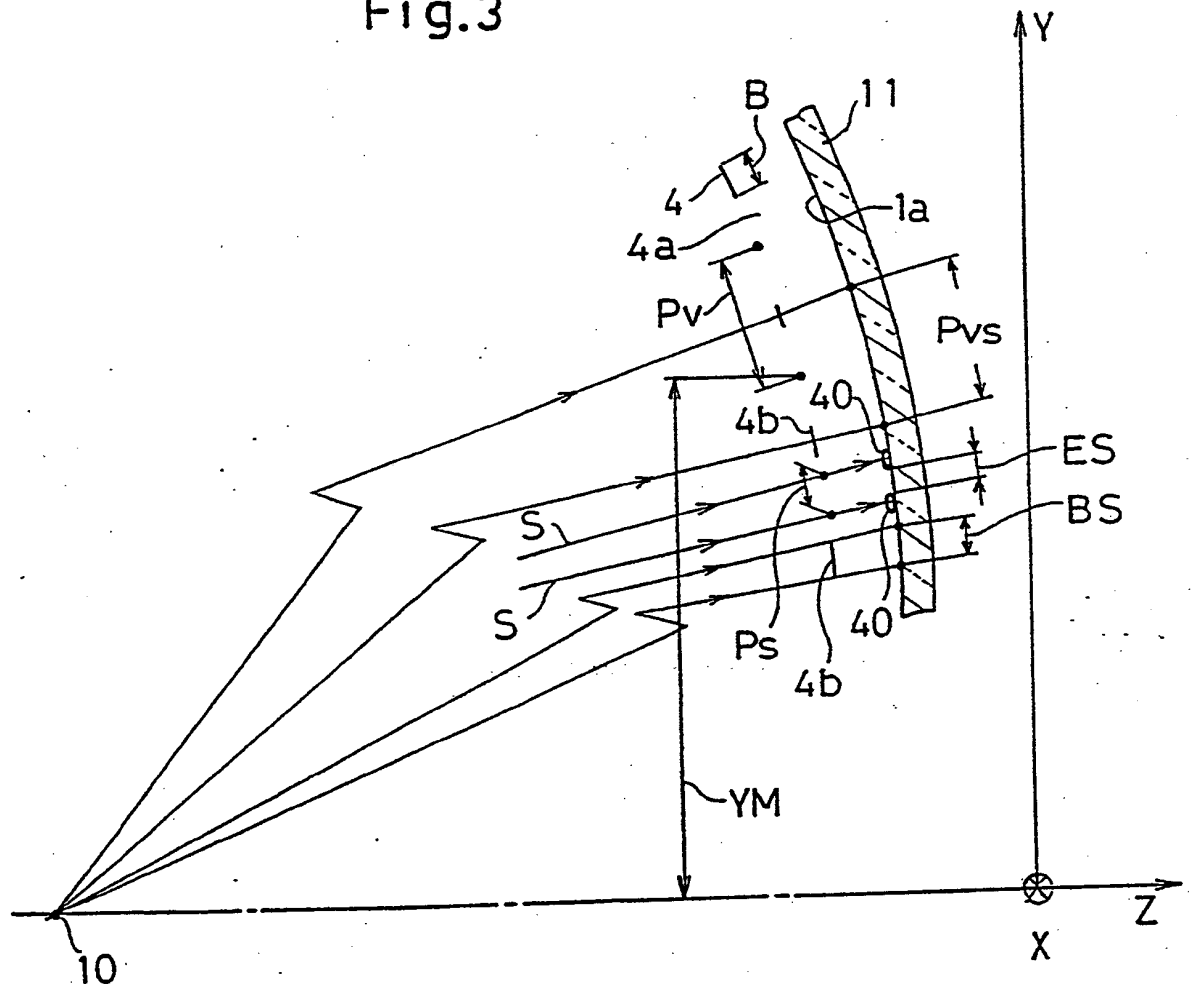
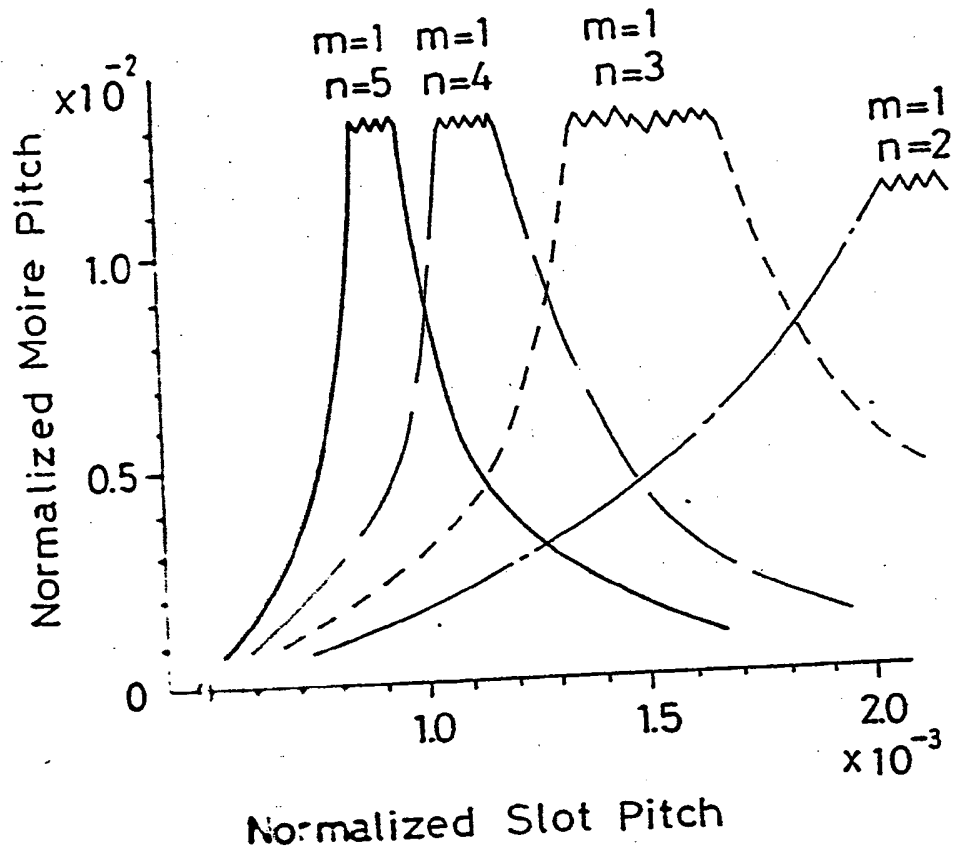


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